

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1656
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Poulose, A.J.)	Examiner: Moore, William W.
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Serial No.: 10/500,936)	Confirmation No.: 1489
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Filed: March 25, 2005)	
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For: Multiply-Substituted Protease)	
Variants)	

Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2008 in the above-identified application. It is being timely filed on or before January 18, 2009 in view of an accompanying petition for a two (2) month Extension of Time.

Amendments to the claims are reflecting in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.